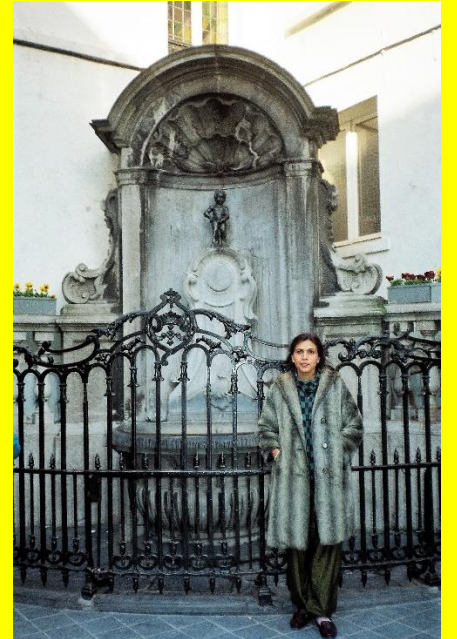




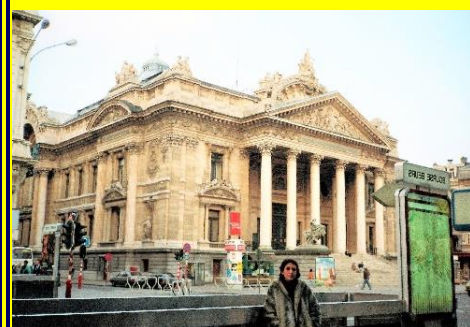
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge the success of this tour to my friend in Brussels.

DEDICATION

I dedicate the success of this tour to my children who remained helpful staying back in my country; and to my wife, Farzana Ahmad Khan, who accompanied me through the journey.

PREPARATION OF THIS WORK

I, myself, have typed the whole stuff myself and formatted it. Any, error, may kindly be excused. The photographs were taken in 1989 with a 135 mm camera.

Most of the photographs are with my wife and friends. Anybody who appeared in my photographs, I am thankful to them and express my indebtedness and consider these as Memoirs.

Maqsood Ahmad Khan

1st May 2019
Lahore - Pakistan

BELGIUM

1989

Belgium is bordered by France, the Netherlands, Germany and Luxembourg. Brussels is the capital city of Belgium.

While, still, in France, arrangements were made with a friend in Brussels to visit him. So one day we left for Brussels by train from Paris. We were received by our friend at Midi Station of Brussels city. We had left Paris at 10:24 am and reached Brussels at 13:05 pm. This was, our one of long journeys in Europe. We were very happy that we were passing through the most developed part of the world, which was quite conspicuous even by having a glance of it. We enjoyed the very feeling that we were at places, which, once, we dreamt about.

From the Midi Railway Station our friend took us to his place, which, was a big house in the populated area of Brussels at a place wherefrom we could see a major part of the city. Of course once again we were happy to see a city we used to hear about and dreamt to see it once.

BRUSSELS BELGIUM

1989

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Once in Brussels we started roaming about and started seeing places whichever we could. Every place which was new for us was making us happier to look at. We took the photographs as much as we could as a part of our memoir and enjoy at later years as well that 'once we were there'.

ATOMIUM

BRUSSELS – BELGIUM

The Atomium is a huge landmark in Brussels, constructed for the 1958 Brussels World's Fair, Expo 58. It was a sort of museum as well.

Our friend took us there; and when we saw it we were startled, what a huge structure to look at. We remained there for the whole day and visited inside the structure which looked like an informative museum.



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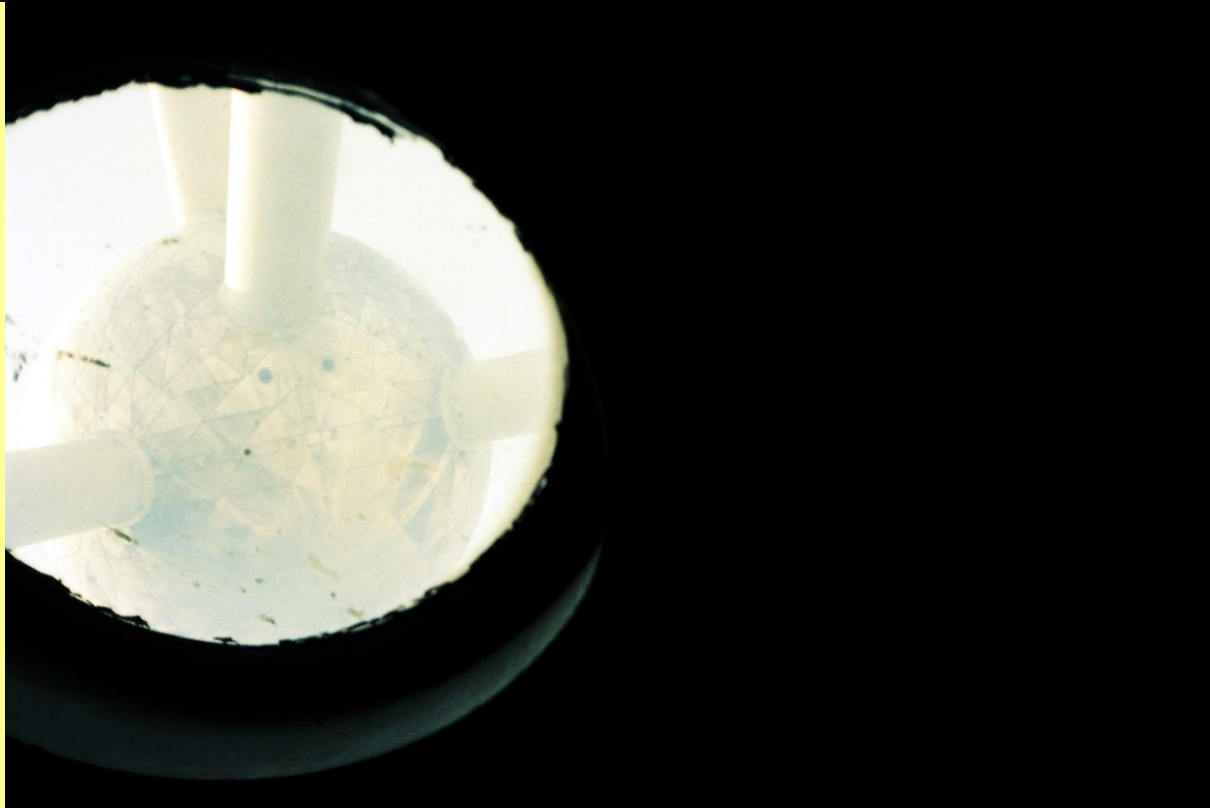
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GRAND PLACE

BRUSSELS - BELGIUM

1989

The Grand Place is the Central Square of Brussels. It is surrounded by Guildhall, the City Town Hall and the King's House. The square is the most important tourist destination and most memorable landmark in Brussels.

Being a great tourists' point in the town we did not miss it and one day we were there. It was also an exciting experience. Amongst the Grandeur infrastructure of Mediaeval Europe.



GRAND PLACE
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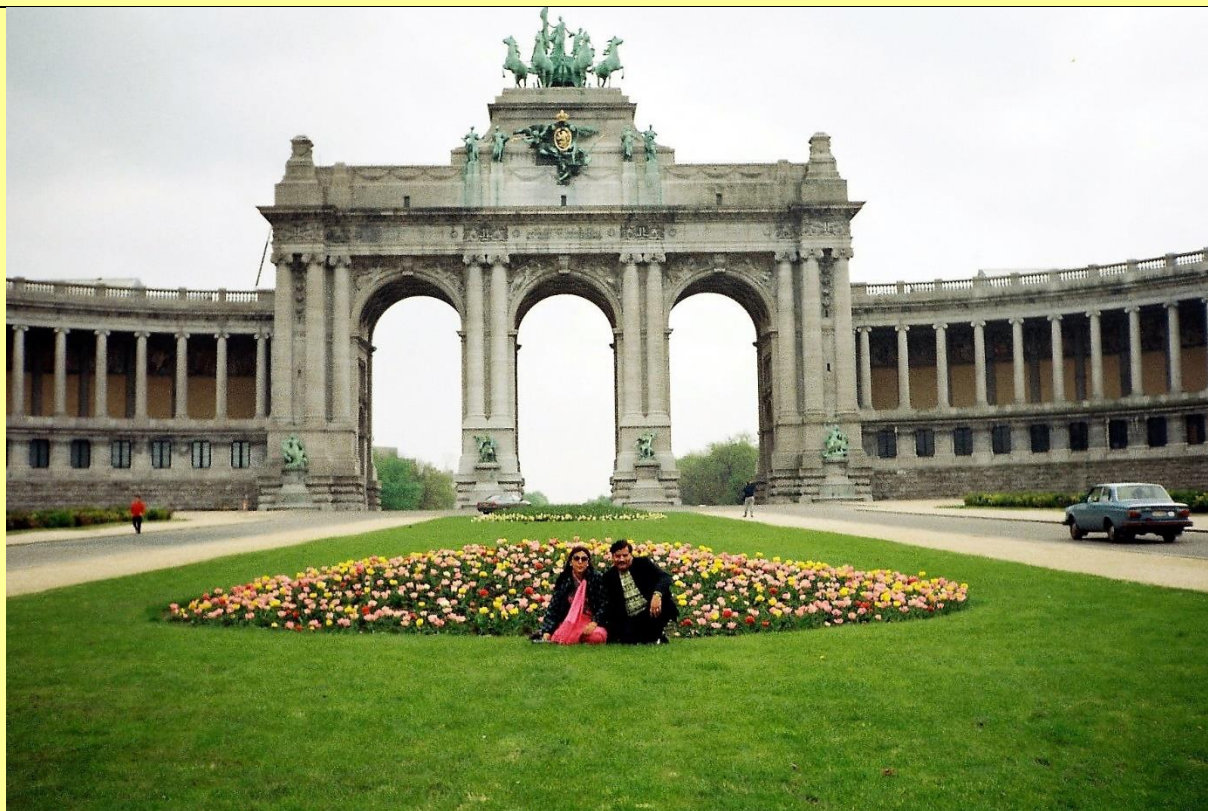


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BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
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ARCADE DU CINQUANTENAIRE BRUSSELS – BELGIUM 1989

This structure, one cannot avoid, while in Brussels. If we move around the city we come across this place either ways. This is a Triumphal Arch of the Cinquantenaire Park.

We had this structure many a times while passing through it, therefore one day we planned to visit this place. We went there and enjoyed the grandeur of the place.



**TRIUMPHAL ARCH
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989**



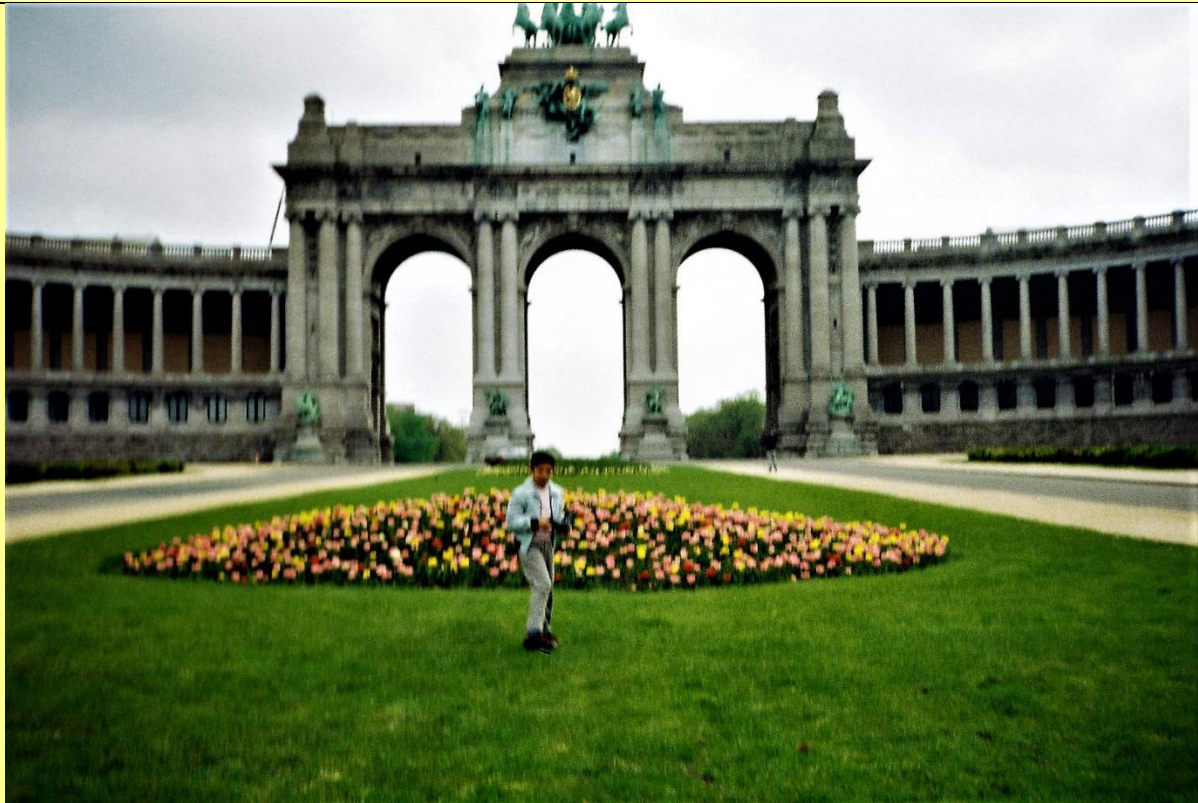
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**ROYAL MUSEUMS
ART AND HISTORY
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989**

The Royal Museums of Art and History, Musées royaux d'Art et d'Histoire, Koninklijke, Musea voor Kunst en Geschiedenis compose a group of Museums in Brussels, Belgium

When we visited, Koninklijke Musea Voor Kunst En Geschiedenis (Royal Museums for Art and History), we were surprised to see that an exhibition was going on on 'Indus Valley Civilization'. We developed an association with the place. It was a Surprising Happiness for us.



**KONINKLIJKE MUSEA VOOR KUNST EN GESCHIEDENIS
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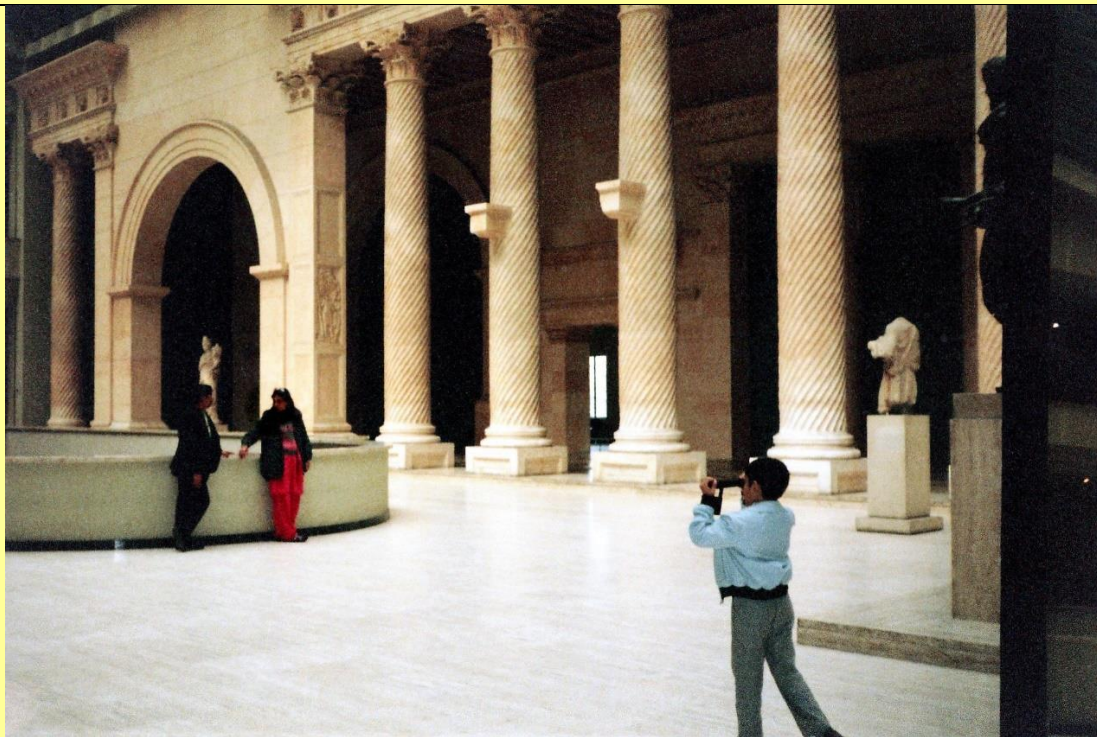
Then we entered the Museum and many other surprising things first time which cleared our concepts and we enjoyed those too.



**MUMMIES IN ROYAL MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY
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**ROYAL MUSEUM
CENTRAL AFRICA
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
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The African Museum, Brussels focused on the life in Belgian Congo in particular and Africa in General.

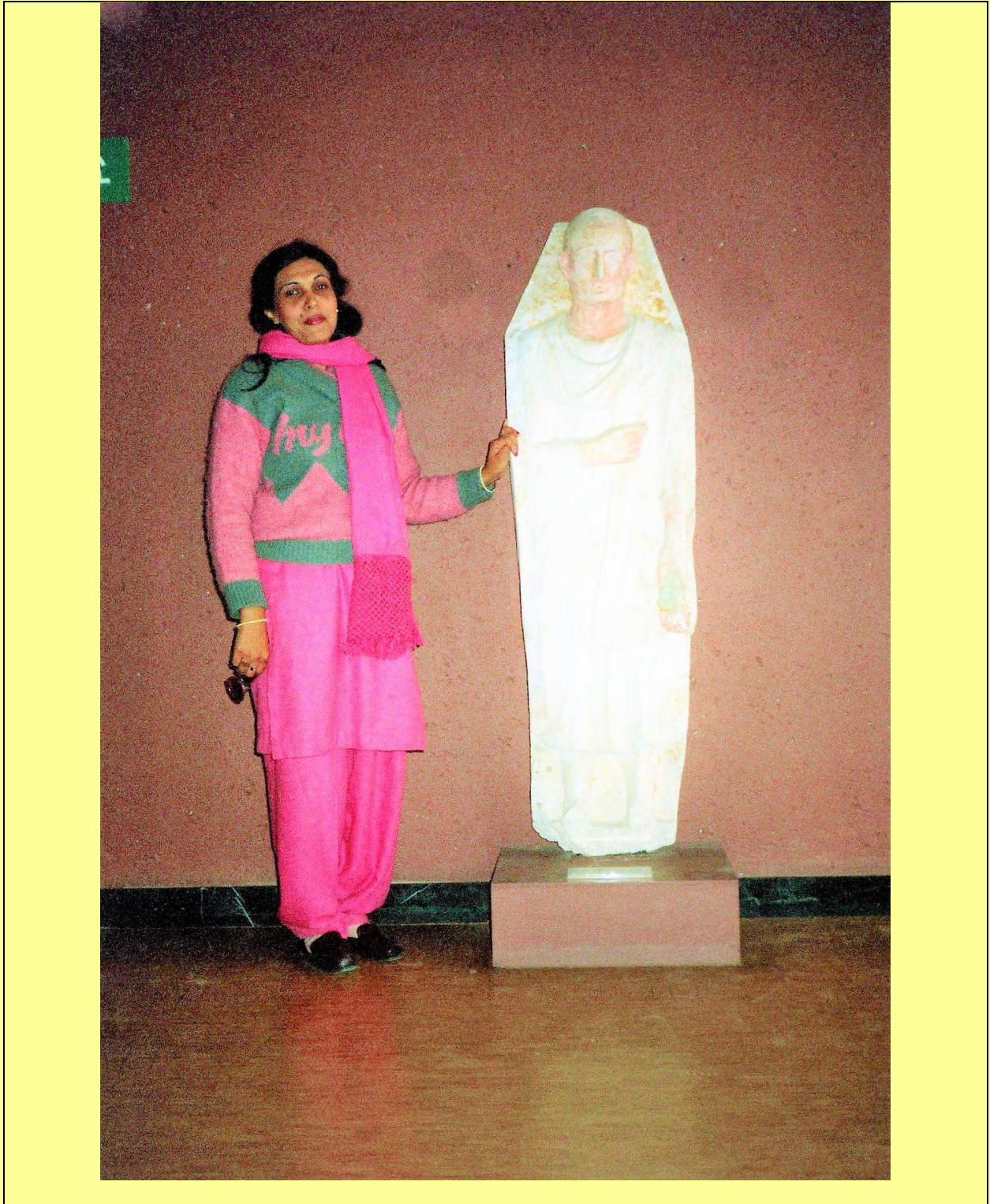
This Museum was almost out of the city. We travelled by tram and reached this place. Visited the Museum and first time enjoyed the life of Africa. During our visit a group of school children also visited the place we enjoyed their company as well.

FAÇADE OF THE MUSEUM



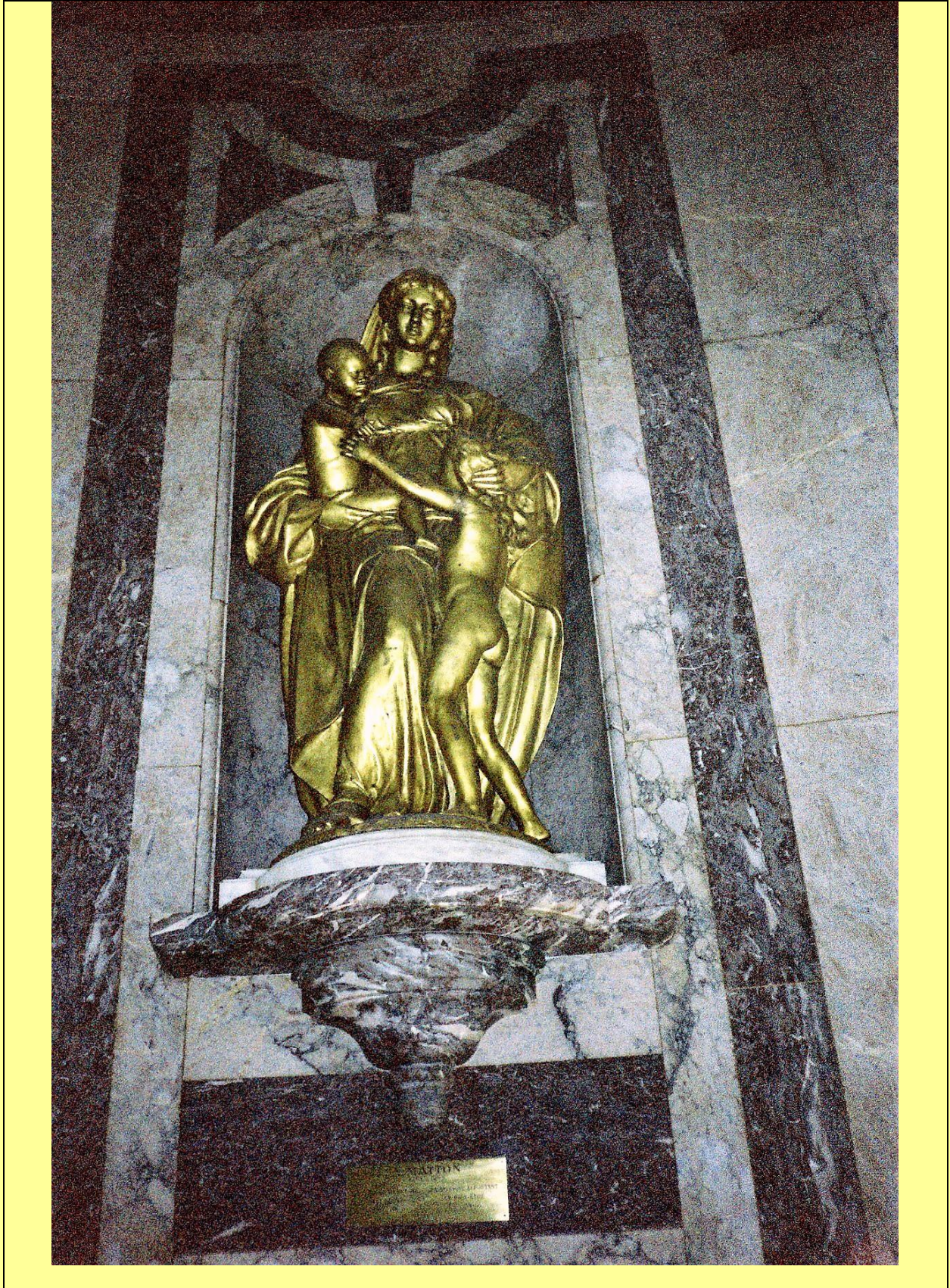


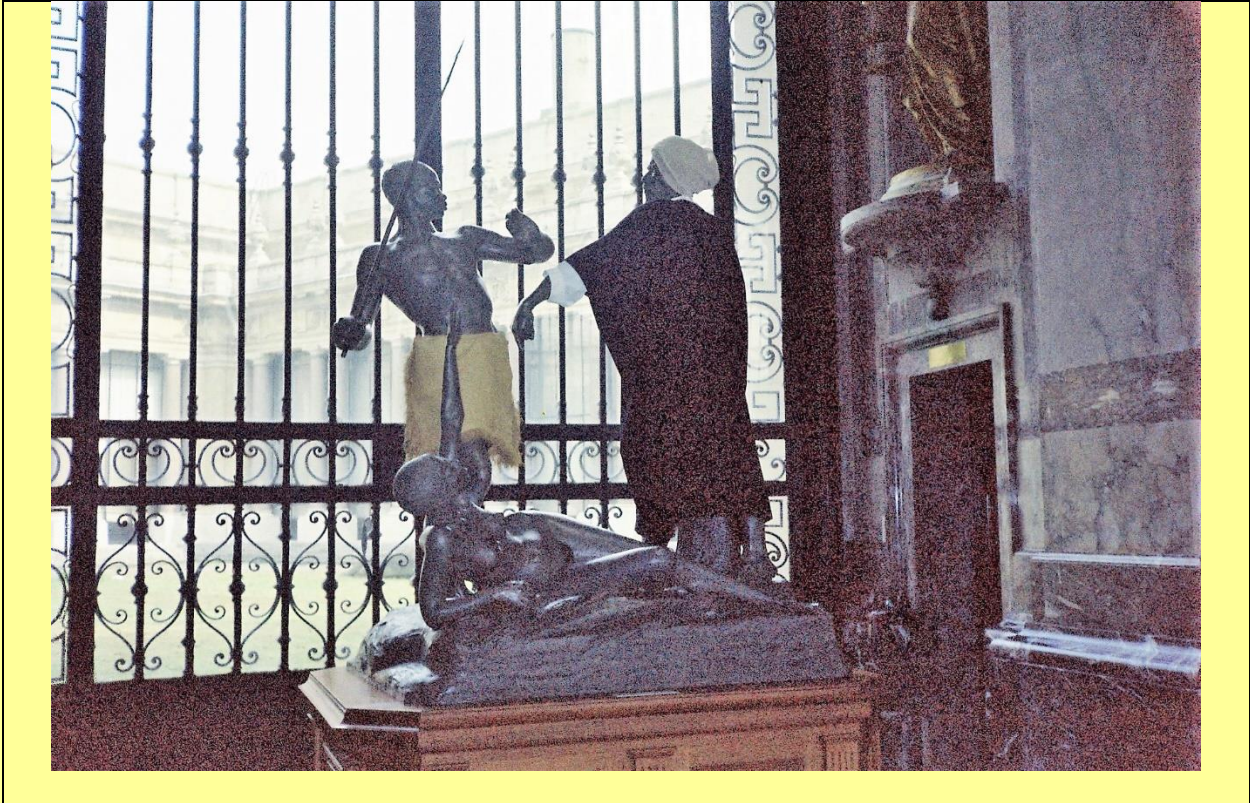
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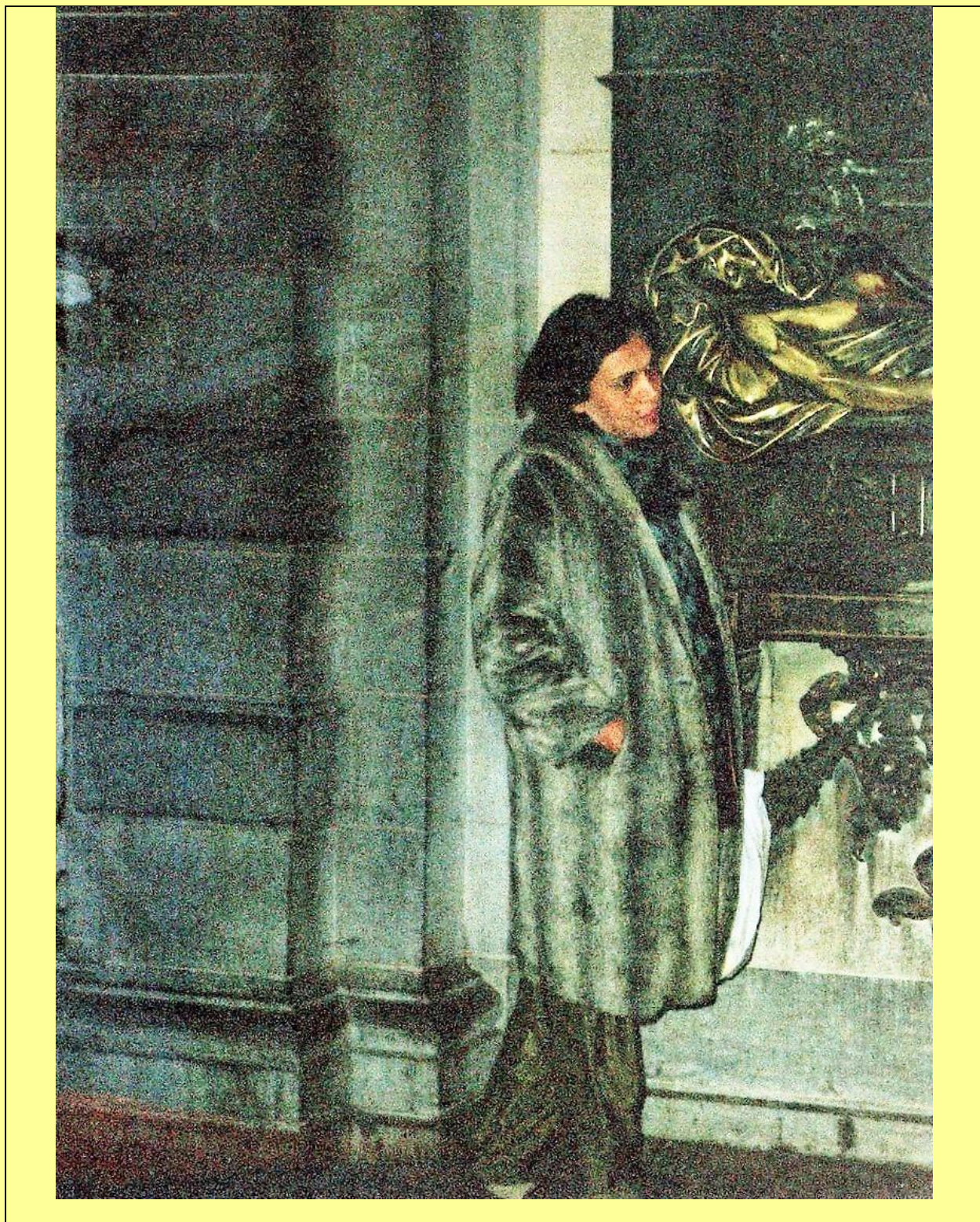


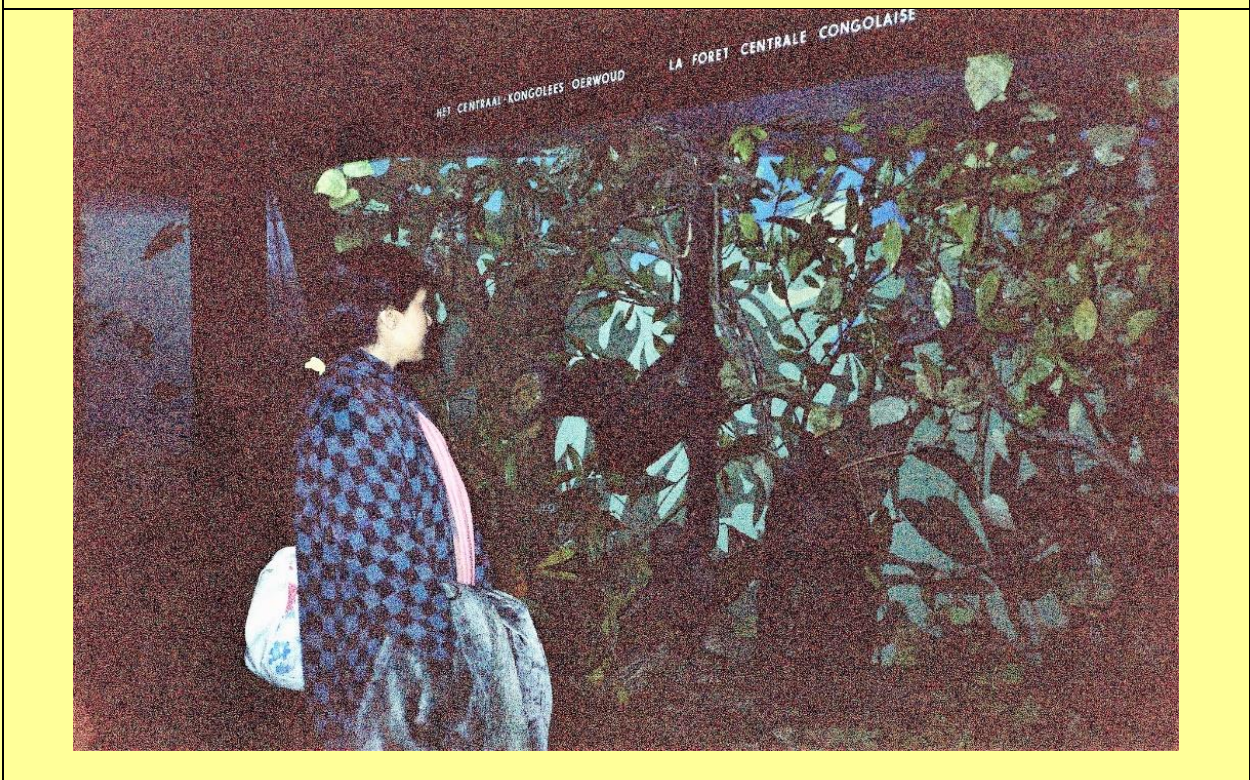
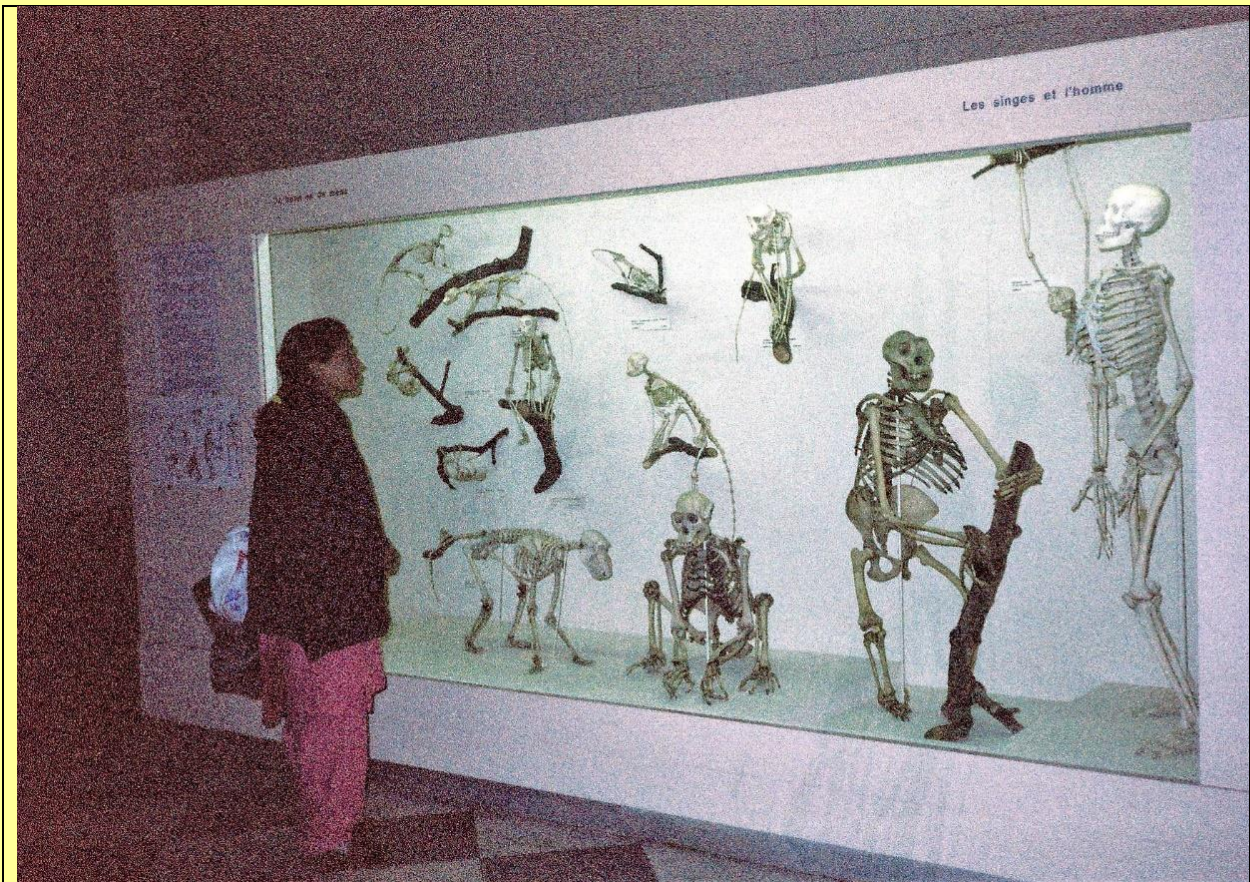


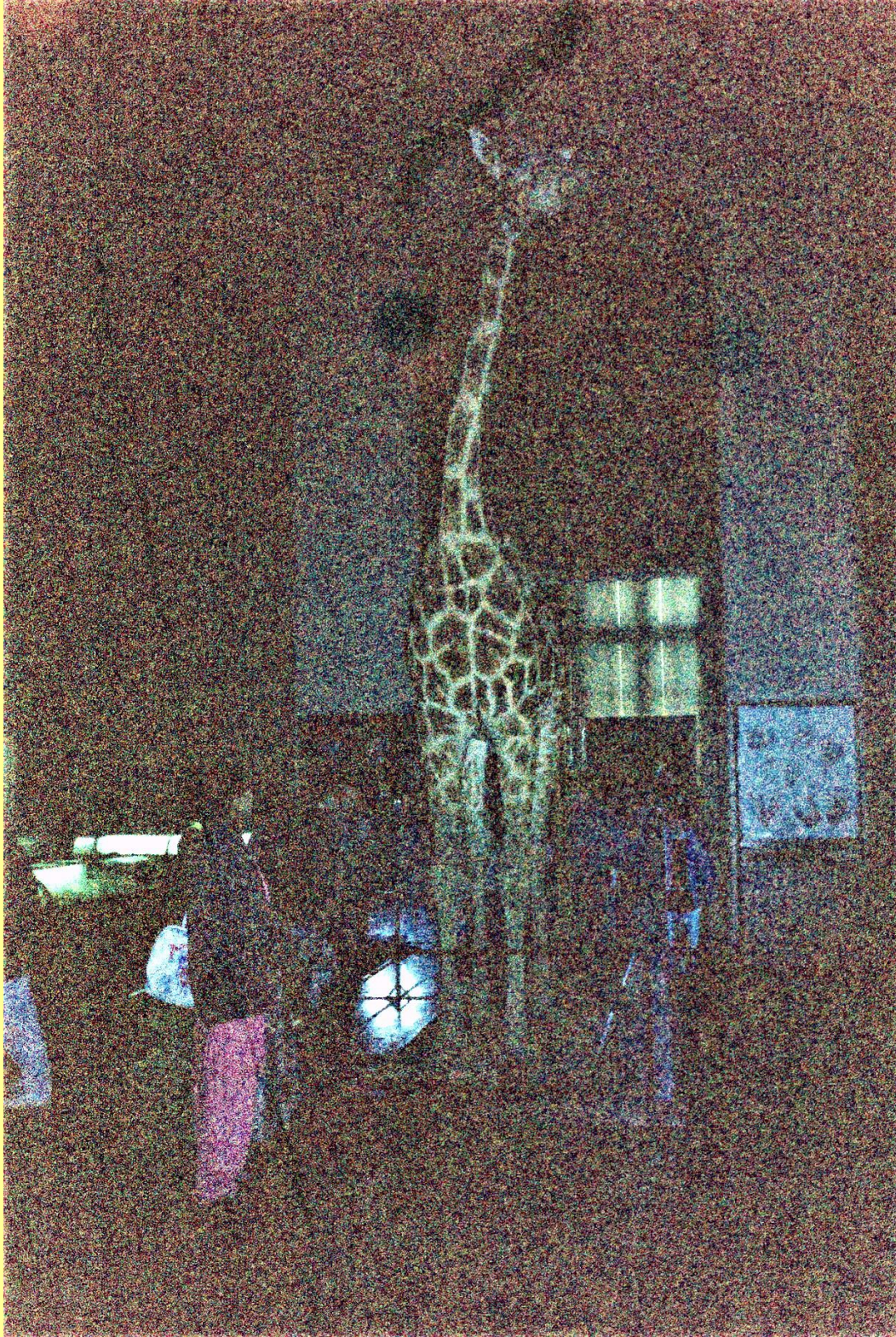






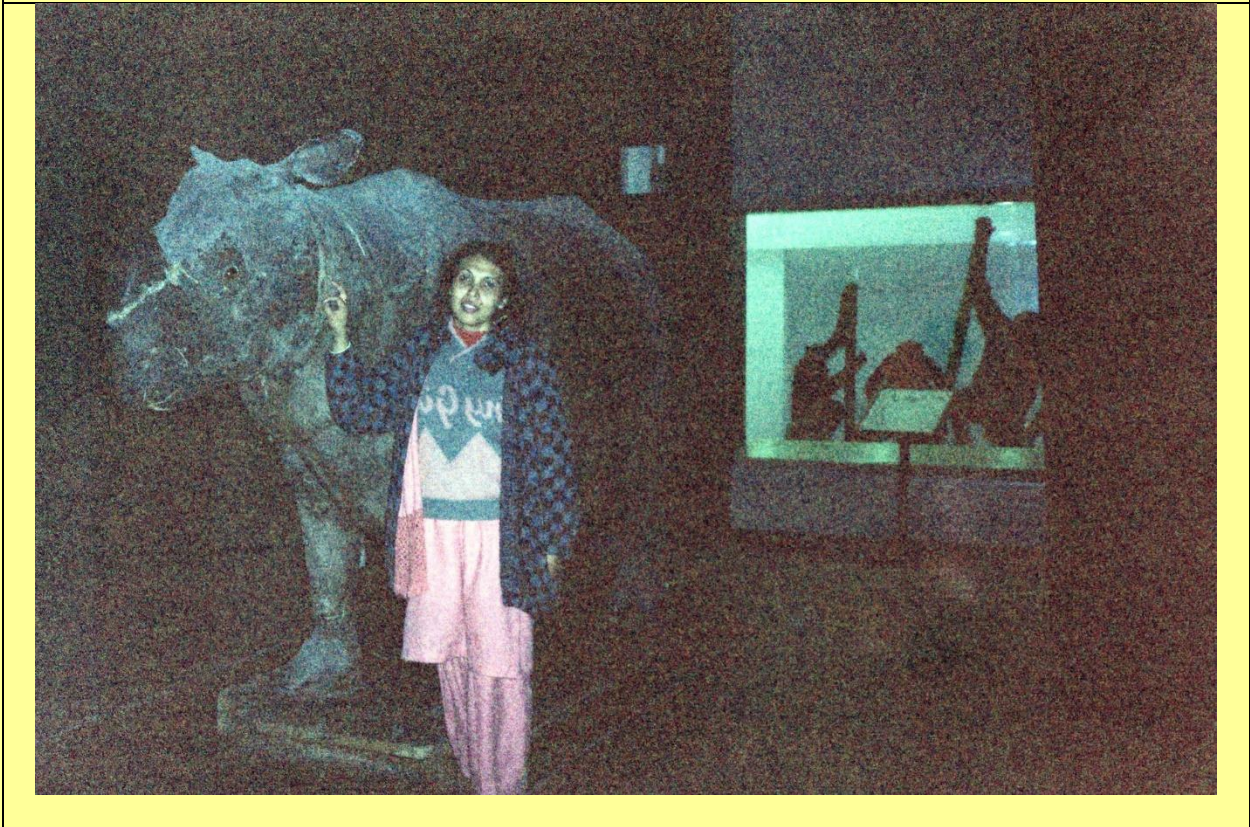
















ETERNAL FLAME BRUSSELS – BELGIUM 1989

Eternal Flame is burning a top of the un-known soldiers in the I
World War



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MARIE-LOUISE SQUARE PARK
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989



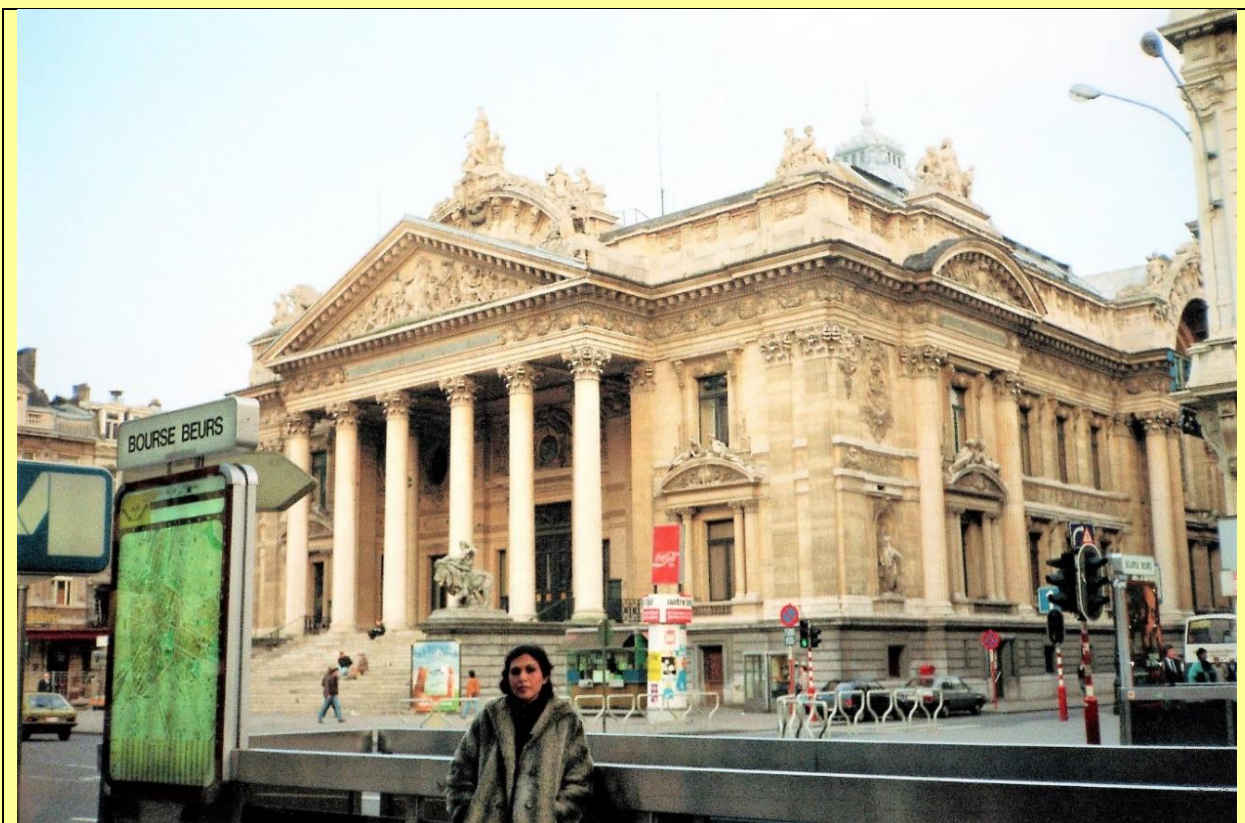
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**BOURSE BEURS
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
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The building that housed the Brussels Stock Exchange



**BOURSE BEURS
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
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RESIDENCE
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989

We stayed with our friend in Brussels. The area consisted of large houses; and very comfortable.



FROM THE BALCONY OF OUR RESIDENCE
BRUSSELS - BELGIUM
1989



**FROM THE BALCONY OF OUR RESIDENCE
BRUSSELS - BELGIUM
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OTHER PLACES

BRUSSELS BELGIUM

1989

We saw many other places in Brussels and travelled in Trams was well. It was a very good experience

LEST WE FORGET



**DRIVING
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989**



**TRAM TERMINUS
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989**



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BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989**



**TRAVELLING IN TRAM
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989**



**NEAR AFRICAN MUSEUM
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989**



**OUTSKIRT
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989**



BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
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MANNEKEN PIS
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989

Manneken Pis is landmark meaning “Lil Piddler” depicting a naked little boy urinating into a fountain’s Basin in Brussels. The current statue is a copy of the original whereas the original is in the Brussels City Museum.

We had heard about Manneken Pis and a story attached to it, therefore we looked for this little boy. We found this landmark in the corner of a street. However there was large number of tourist like us to see this fountain.



MANNEKEN PIS
BRUSSELS – BELGIUM
1989

GOOD BYE BELGIUM

HOPE TO COME AGAIN



I, Maqsood Ahmad Khan, after having the Master Degree in Economics from the Government College, Lahore (Punjab University) in 1972, qualified the Competitive Examination for Civil Services of Pakistan 1974 and joined Traffic (Transportation & Commercial Group) of Pakistan Railways. I rose to the level of General Manager (Welfare & Training); and completed my services on 4th March 2010, after attaining superannuation. During the service, I could visit many a countries, viz Belgium, Canada, Egypt, England, France, Holland, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, UAE, USA, West Germany in connection with foreign assignments, training, meetings, visits and studies; alone or with the members of my family. To make theses journeys memorable, the use of the camera was a tool with me. The collection of the photographs thus taken, when seen at the later years, gave an account of travels round the world, which I am sharing with others as information; memoir or self-actualization. Hope, the readers would enjoy my Pictorial Travelogue. For any feedback or comments please contact at

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PS: The photographs of the friends, colleagues and others have been uploaded in good faith, as memoir.

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